

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Werneuchen Airfield

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EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1C DATE PREPARED 17 December 1951

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REMARKS Paragraphs 4 through 8 supplement [REDACTED]

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1. Werneuchen airfield was observed between 12 and 16 November 1951. Work was completed on the runway as far as station 46 and on the taxiway as far as station 37. The entire western connecting lane was completed. Earthwork was still being done [REDACTED] ILLEGIB between the runway and the taxiway from stations 50 to 53. This work was to be completed by 30 November. The eastern barracks buildings, including three located to the north and three to the south, were unoccupied, while the six western barracks buildings appeared to be lightly occupied, as was inferred from the lighted windows at night. There was comparatively little activity in the barracks.

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3. The caretaker of the former NCO settlement said that this settlement had to be vacated and turned over to the Russians by 25 November 1951.

4. At 10:30 a.m. on 19 November, three PO-2s landed at the field and were then towed into the westernmost hangar. Two empty houses on the town perimeter were to be taken over by the Russians during the following days. Grading work was still under way in the eastern section of the field. Trucks [REDACTED]

25X1C 5. [REDACTED] were used for transporting earth at the field. According to a construction superintendent, the field was to be turned over to an air unit on 1 December 1951.

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5. Twenty fuel containers, each 4 meters long and 2.5 meters in diameter, were observed on the northern edge of the field. Filters and valves were installed in the containers by Soviet soldiers.

6. No aircraft were observed at the field on 22 November. The hangars were closed. After 20 November, the Soviet details were reduced considerably. According to a baker in Werneuchen, only 250 kg of bread have been daily delivered to the airfield since 21 November, but new troops were allegedly expected to arrive soon.

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7. A semi-circular apron about 50 meters in diameter was observed at the eastern end of the runway, which was completed. The northern edge of the apron bordered on the runway. Grading was under way in the eastern section of the landing field, where 4 locomotives and about 12 trucks were used. Only small quantities of sand, gravel, and cement were stored on the northern edge of the field. The cranes were no longer in operation. Some of the locomotives previously utilized were shipped away. Sixteen fuel containers, each about 4 meters long and 2 meters in diameter, were observed on the northern edge of the field. According to a construction worker at the field, ammunition bunkers were to be built there. **

8. An estimated 500 air force troops and trucks arrived at the field between 23 November and 3 December. The troops probably belonged to a bomber unit since truck trailers, including some with bombs, continually went to the field. The were identified:

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The runway and the main flying lane had lighting facilities after 30 November. ***

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~~Comment~~. For location of stations, see [REDACTED] ~~Comment~~. The statements in paragraphs 1 through 8 indicate that work at the is nearing completion. The fuel containers mentioned by [REDACTED]

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~~Comment~~. The newly arrived air force soldiers are probably the first portion of the ground personnel of an air unit. The [REDACTED] observed indicate that the ground personnel observed arriving belong to the bomber units from Jueterbog. [REDACTED] the transfer of flight units from the two bomber regiments from Jueterbog to Werneuchen on 6 December 1951.

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